



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3661
RING, MICHAEL E.) Examiner: B. BROADHEAD
Serial No.: 09/399,412) Attorney Docket: CRD 99304
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For: A METHOD OF AND AN APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING THE BRAKING
EFFICIENCY OF A RAILWAY FREIGHT TRAIN CONSIST

HON. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

ATTN: BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

ARGUMENTS

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges that an Office Action dated October 24, 2001, pertaining to the above referenced matter has been received.

In the Office Action, the Examiner sets forth the following rejections: Claims 1-3, 5-8, 11 and 16-17 under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over the teachings of Cook et al (5,605,387) in view of Fourie (4,671,576); Claims 9-10 and 12-15 under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Cook et al in view of Fourie and Kull (5,681,015); Claim 18 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unobvious over Cook et al in view of Fourie and Matsuoka (5,544,057); and Claims 19-20 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unobvious over Cook et al in view of Fourie and Roselli et al (5,718,487).